



COMBAT BADGES



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Subsequent to 18SEP01)



- “The Army announced that the thousands of Soldiers who are exposed to enemy action but are not officially in combat roles can earn a prestigious badge for being involved in the fight. The badge was designed to honor Soldiers such as military police, truck drivers and fuel specialists who face perilous situations while doing their jobs in the ongoing wars.”
- Prior to 18 SEP 01, the CAB is not authorized



COMBAT ACTION BADGE (Outline)



- Eligibility Criteria
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- Approval Authority
- Processing Procedures
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- Questions/Concerns



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Eligibility Criteria)



- To any Soldier, branch, or MOS
- Performing assigned duties where hostile fire or imminent danger pay is authorized
- Be present and actively engage or being engaged by the enemy (perform satisfactorily within prescribed ROE)
- Soldiers can not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify him/her for the CIB or CMB



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Eligibility Criteria)



- Can be awarded to members of other U.S. Armed Forces or foreign soldiers assigned to a U.S. Army unit (provided they meet the criteria)
- Soldiers may be awarded the CIB, CMB and CAB for the same qualifying period, provided the criteria for each badge is met
- Subsequent awards of the same badge are not authorized within the same qualifying period



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Multiple Badges)



- Example: 18SEP01 started a new qualifying period to a date to be determined. A Soldier who has participated in multiple operations (e.g. OIF and OEF) will only qualify for one applicable badge (i.e., one CAB, one CIB, or one CMB)
- As stated earlier, a Soldier can potentially be awarded all three badges, but only one of each (no subsequent stars) during this qualifying period
- Second and third awards for subsequent qualifying periods will be indicated by superimposing one and two stars respectively⁶



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Approval Authority - In Theater)



- Approval Authority will not be further delegated
- All MGs (and above) in Command can retroactively award the CAB to Soldiers assigned/attached to their command regardless if the Soldier was a member of the command at the time of qualifying action
- Extended to BG(P) in Cmd positions



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Approval Authority - Outside Theater)



- MGs (and above) of Principal HQDA Agencies with award approval authority can retroactively award the CAB to Soldiers assigned/attached to their command/agency regardless if the Soldier was a member of the command at the time of qualifying action
- Joint Forces Commanders (State AGs) federally recognized in the USNG as MGs can award to Soldiers in their state who meet the criteria; otherwise, recommendations will be sent to the Chief, NGB
- Veterans/IRR/Other Services/Foreign Military recommendations will be sent to HRC



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Processing Procedures)



- **DA 4187 will include:**
 - Deployment Orders (assigned, attached, OPCON)
 - Soldier's ORB or ERB (2-1)
 - One page narrative (max) of the qualifying incident
 - Certified copy of DD Form 214 (if applicable)



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(Processing Procedures)



- Supporting documentation
 - official unit reports (SIR)
 - casualty report
 - line of duty investigation
 - two or more eyewitness statements from Soldiers who participated in the same ground combat action
 - previously awarded Purple Heart orders (if applicable)
- The CAB is categorized as a Group 1 badge (Special Skill Badge) and will be announced in permanent orders



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(Processing Procedures)



If attacked by:

- Attacks by mortars
- Rockets
- Rocket-propelled grenades
- Improvised explosive devices
- Suicide bombers qualify for the badge
- Other projectiles

Narrative must include:

- Proximity of Soldier to impacted area (in meters)
- Description if Soldier could have been reasonably injured by the blast



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(Promotion Points)



- AR/USAR/ARNG Enlisted Soldiers
 - AR and USAR receive 15 points
 - ARNG receive 10 points
- Soldiers awarded multiple badges are authorized points for each badge earned
- Promotion points will not be effective prior to 10 June 2005 regardless of the period stated. Therefore, no retroactive point adjustments or exceptions to policy will be processed with a CAB prior to 10 June 2005



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Questions/Concerns